

***Navy Educational and  
Developmental  
Intervention Services  
(EDIS)***



**2005 JOINT SERVICES  
EFMP TRAINING  
Philadelphia, PA  
28-30 November 2005**

# ***The Legal Mandate***

- **The Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) mandates:**
  - Early Intervention Services
  - Special Education & Related Services
- **IDEA is an educational statute**
  - Dept. of Education administers IDEA & distributes Federal funds to the 50 states and territories
  - Dept. of Defense administers & funds IDEA services within the DoD
- **IDEA affords parents & children with disabilities**
  - Procedural safeguards
  - Due process entitlement



# ***Legislative History of IDEA***

- **PL 94-142, “Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975,”** requires a free appropriate public education for school age children with disabilities to include special education & certain related services.
- **PL 95-561, “Defense Dependents’ Education Act of 1978,”** required DoD to implement PL 94-142.
- **PL 99-457, “Education of the Handicapped Act Amendments of 1986,”** expanded Part H, the Handicapped Infants & Toddlers Program.



# ***Legislative History of IDEA***

## ***(continued)***

- **PL 101-476, “Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1990,”** amended & renamed PL 94-142.
- **PL 102-119, “Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1991,”** required DoD to implement Part B preschool services & Part H early intervention services.
- **PL 107-17, “The IDEA Improvement Act of 1997,”** reauthorized IDEA & amended several provisions of the existing legislation.
- **PL 108-446, “Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004,”** reauthorized IDEA & amended or changed several provisions of the existing legislation.

# ***IDEA Implementation***

IDEA Legislation



DoD Guidance

**DODINST 1342.12, 11 Apr 05 & ICOP**



BUMED Guidance

**BUMEDINST 1755.1, 17 Oct 05**

**BUMEDINST 1755.2, 5 Oct 05**

# ***RESPONSIBILITIES***

- **Department of Defense Educational Activity (DODEA)**
  - Responsible for Special Education
  - Defense Domestic Elementary & Secondary Schools (DDESS) at domestic locations
  - Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DODDS) at overseas locations
- **Military Medical Departments (Army/Navy/AF)**
  - Responsible for EIS and certain related services overseas in assigned areas of geographic responsibility

## ***EDIS - A New Paradigm***

- “Educational” services provided by the Military Medical Departments
- Services provided at the same priority as healthcare for active duty - statutory entitlement
- Focus is on functional independence & academic development
- Interdisciplinary / transdisciplinary approach for EIS

# ***EDIS - A New Paradigm***

## ***(continued)***

- **Services normally provided outside clinical setting**
- **Families are an integral part of the process**
- **Procedural requirements & due process entitlement**
- **Proactive - child find & public awareness requirements**



# ***Early Intervention Services (EIS)***

- Focused on the developmental needs of **infants and toddlers with disabilities**, birth to age 3, & their families
- Address physical, cognitive, communication, social or emotional & adaptive developmental delays or conditions with a high probability of delay
- Specified in an **Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)** developed by the EDIS team & the family

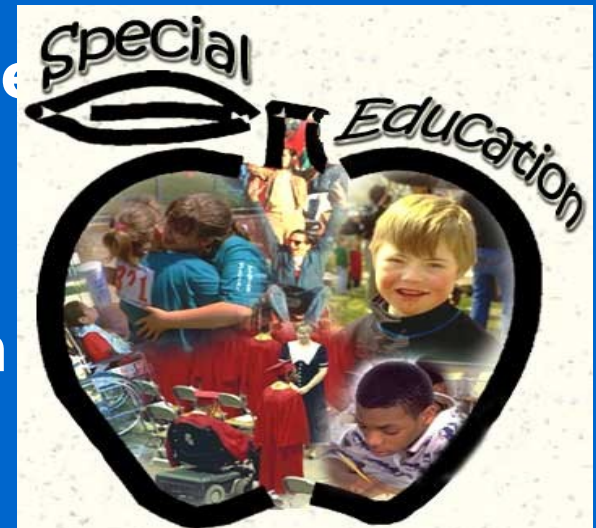


## ***Early Intervention Services (EIS)*** ***(continued)***

- Provided in “**natural environments**” - settings that are natural and normal for the child’s a same age peers who have no disability, e.g., home, daycare or community-based settings
- EIS programs are comprehensive, multi-disciplinary, culturally competent, community based & family centered
- Entitlement based on eligibility to enroll in DDESS or DODDS & meeting DoD developmental delay eligibility criteria
- EIS programs are located both CONUS & OCONUS and managed by the Military Medical Departments

# ***Related Services Assigned to the Military Medical Departments Overseas***

- Allied health services in support of the special education needs of **preschool & school age children with disabilities**, ages 3-21, to include:
  - Evaluation services required to determine a student's eligibility for special education
  - If eligible, the direct or indirect services designed to help a student benefit from their special educational program



•  
•  
•

## ***Related Services Assigned to the Military Medical Departments (continued)***

- Specified in an **Individualized Education Plan (IEP)** developed by the school's Case Study Committee (CSC)
- Provided in the **“least restrictive environment”** - school setting
- Entitlement based on eligibility to enroll in DODDS & meeting DODDS special education eligibility criteria
- Provided overseas in support of DODDS special education programs

# ***EDIS Goals & Objectives***

- **Improve the functional & adaptive skills of infants & toddlers with developmental delays**
- **Maximize the learning potential of school-age children with disabilities**
- **Empower families to become active participants in their child's development & education**
- **Enhance the independence of all children with disabilities to enable them to function with their non-disabled peers**



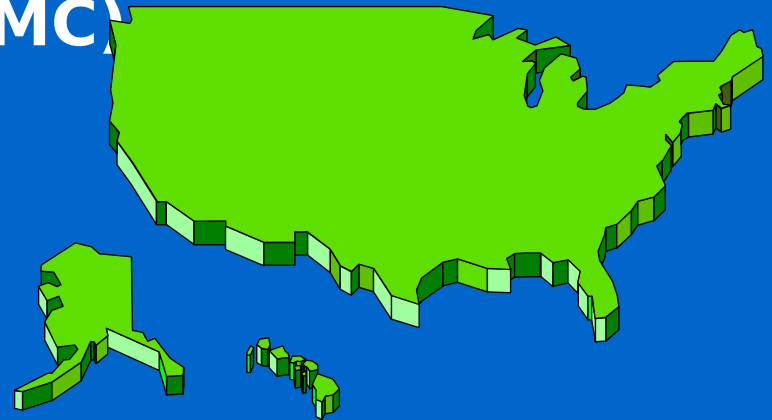
## ***Navy EDIS Profile . . .***

- 12 Navy MTFs with EDIS responsibility supporting 21 locations
- EDIS locations span 17 time zones
- 139 manpower authorizations
  - 31 military billets
  - 69 civilian positions
  - 39 contract personnel
- Decentralized
  - local MTF program management
  - local MTF control of resources

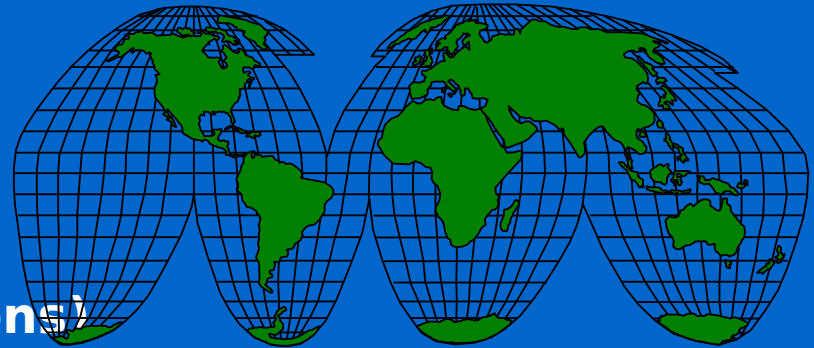


# ***Navy EDIS Sites - DDESS/Domestic***

- **Dahlgren & Quantico, VA** (Navy & USMC)
  - support provided by NNMC Bethesda EDIS Team
- **Camp Lejeune, NC** (USMC)
- **Beaufort, SC** (USMC)
- **Guam** (Navy & AF)



# ***Navy EDIS Sites - DODDS/Overseas***



## **PACIFIC REGION**

- **Mainland Japan** (6 locations)
  - **Yokosuka** (Navy), **Atsugi/Camp Zama** (Navy/Army), **Yokota** (AF), **Misawa** (Navy/AF), **Iwakuni** (USMC) & **Sasebo** (Navy)
- **Okinawa, Japan** (AF, Marines, Navy, Army)

## **CARIBBEAN REGION**

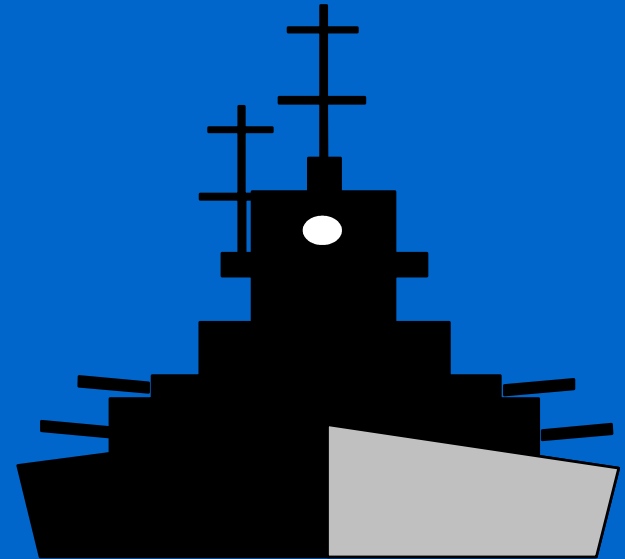
- **Guantanamo Bay, Cuba** (Navy, USMC, USCG)
  - support provided by NMC Portsmouth, VA EDIS Team



# ***Navy EDIS Sites - DODDS/Overseas***

## **EUROPEAN REGION**

- **Naples, Italy** (3 locations)
  - Naples, Gaeta & Sardinia (Navy)
- **Sigonella, Italy** (Navy)
- **Rota, Spain** (2 locations)
  - Rota (Navy) & Seville (AF)
- **Keflavik, Iceland** (Navy, AF)
  - support provided by NMC Portsmouth, VA EDIS Team



# ***Intercomponent Coordination***

- **DoD Coordinating Committee on Early Intervention, Special Education and Related Services**
  - co-chaired by ASD (FMP) & ASD (HA)
  - approves policy & direction
- **DoD Subcommittee on Intercomponent Coordination (SICC)**
  - SICC membership includes functional representatives from DOD, DODEA, Military Medical Departments & TMA
  - meets quarterly (last meeting 5-6 Oct 05)

# ***EDIS Dynamics & Issues***

- Increased demand vs. decreased resources
- GS recruitment & contracting
- New approaches to monitoring
  - Focused monitoring
- Realignment of resources & services
- Base closures & Force realignment
- Geo-political uncertainties



## ***Navy EDIS POC....***

- Tom Marko, EDIS Program Specialist  
Deputy Chief BUMED, Operations Directorate (M3)  
Qualifications & Standards (M32)
- Mailing Address:  
Bureau of Medicine & Surgery  
Attn: M322  
2300 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20372-5300
- Phone: CML - (202) 762-3107    DSN - 762 -3107
- FAX: (202) 762-3743
- Email: [tlmarko@us.med.navy.mil](mailto:tlmarko@us.med.navy.mil)

# ***Navy EDIS Program***

- Questions?
- Comments?
- Amusing Anecdotes?

